

Existing law provides for registration requirements for persons convicted of certain sex offenses. Includes requirements for registration with the sheriff or police department within 30 days of establishing residency in Louisiana, or if already a Louisiana resident, within 15 days of the later of conviction or release from confinement. Also requires notification of persons living within a designated distance of the offender, notification of the superintendent of schools and the school principal of the school district where the offender resides, notification of the lessor, landlord, or owner of the residence or property where the offender resides, and any other notices deemed appropriate by the court.

New law retains these provisions of existing law but changes the time period within which such offenders who establish residency in Louisiana must register with the sheriff or police department from within 30 days of establishing residency to within 21 days of establishing residency. Also changes time period within which persons already residents of Louisiana must register from 15 days to 21 days after conviction or release.

Existing law also provides that a sex offender must mail notice of the crime and his name and address to all persons living in the same designated area within 30 days of sentencing or release from confinement or within 21 days of setting up residency. Additionally requires publication of similar information on two separate days in the appropriate newspaper.

New law retains these requirements of existing law but changes prior law provision relating to notice required within 21 days of "setting up" residency to require such notice within 21 days of "establishing residency". Also changes the time period within which such notice must be made from within 30 days of sentencing or release from confinement to within 21 days of sentencing or release from confinement.

Existing law provides that persons who are released on parole after conviction of certain sex offenses must comply with conditions of parole as determined by the Board of Parole. Included in these conditions is that the offender must mail notice of his crime, his name, and his address to all persons living within a designated area of his residence and to the superintendents of parks, recreation districts, and schools in that area. Provides that such notice must be made within 30 days of his release on parole or 30 days of setting up residency. Further requires that notice be published twice in the appropriate newspaper within the same 30-day period.

New law retains existing law but changes the period in which all such notices must be completed from within 30 days of release on parole or setting up residency to within 21 days of release on parole or establishing residency.

Existing law provides for notification requirements for persons convicted of certain sex offenses who are released on probation. Requires the offender must mail notice of his crime, his name, and his address to all persons living within a designated area of his residence and to the superintendents of parks, recreation districts, and schools in that area. Provides that such notice must be made within 30 days of sentencing or 30 days of setting up residency. Further requires that notice be published twice in the appropriate newspaper within the same 30-day period.

New law retains existing law but changes the period in which all such notices must be completed from within 30 days of sentencing or setting up residency to within 21 days of sentencing or establishing residency.

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